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TO: Iowa Medicaid Providers Billing on CMS-1500 Claim Forms

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Professional Claim Format: Referring or Prescribing Providers Must be Enrolled with Medicaid

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

New regulations resulting from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) intended to strengthen Medicaid program integrity require that providers who prescribe (order) or are indicated as a referral on a Medicaid claim must be enrolled as participating providers in the program. The requirement means that these providers will then be subject to the same Medicaid screening and verification processes that help ensure the integrity of the payment, just like all other providers indicated on a claim.

Effective immediately, claims that are submitted to Medicaid on the professional format (CMS 1500) requiring a referral or prescriber identifier (typically for Durable Medical Equipment claims) will be denied if not submitted with an NPI that is enrolled and active with the Iowa Medicaid program.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.